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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on September 1, 2012. The inventory was one percent below September 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.00 million, 11 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 482,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, and 700-799 pounds were 475,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 660,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.96 million, five percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during August, 15 percent below 2011.

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month - United States

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
		(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
August.....	2011	715	365	476	690	2,246
July	2012	500	325	470	627	1,922
August.....	2012	482	385	475	660	2,002

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States

State	Number on feed August		Placed during August		Marketed during August		Other disappearance during August		Number on feed September 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona.....	287	274	19	18	22	20	1	1	283	271
California.....	480	475	56	63	56	55	5	3	475	480
Colorado	970	940	230	190	205	195	5	5	990	930
Idaho.....	195	190	43	53	42	37	1	1	195	205
Iowa.....	550	600	77	76	95	84	2	2	530	590
Kansas.....	2,180	2,160	520	430	475	410	15	10	2,210	2,170
Nebraska.....	1,980	2,230	445	470	400	445	15	15	2,010	2,240
Oklahoma.....	360	320	75	67	67	60	3	2	365	325
South Dakota	195	190	45	34	48	38	2	1	190	185
Texas.....	2,830	2,650	620	495	540	510	20	15	2,890	2,620
Washington.....	190	210	48	47	44	48	1	1	193	208
Other States	362	417	68	59	59	58	2	5	369	413
United States.....	10,579	10,656	2,246	2,002	2,053	1,960	72	61	10,700	10,637

Hatchery Production

Florida

The August hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.91 million, was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on September 1 at 4.05 million, was slightly below a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2012 totaled 758 million, down slightly from August 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 596 million on September 1, 2012, down one percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.05 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2012, down three percent from August 2011. Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2012 totaled 41.4 million, down slightly from August 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on September 1, 2012, down six percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 234 thousand during August 2012, down 26 percent from August 2011.

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during August 2012 was 196 million eggs, one percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 201 million eggs compared to 192 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.80 billion during August 2012 up one percent from last year. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 971 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2012 averaged 335 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,324 eggs, up one percent from August 2011. All layers in the United States on September 1, 2012 totaled 336 million, up slightly percent from last year. The 336 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 49.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2012, averaged 75.1 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from September 1, 2011.

Layers and Eggs-Selected States and United States August 2012

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay per 100 layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	
Alabama.....	9,082	186	2,048
Arkansas.....	12,034	259	2,152
California.....	19,697	464	2,356
Colorado.....	4,221	106	2,511
Connecticut.....	2,305	58	2,516
Florida.....	8,507	201	2,363
Georgia.....	16,767	361	2,153
Illinois.....	4,197	100	2,383
Indiana.....	24,358	562	2,307
Iowa.....	51,927	1,231	2,371
Maine.....	3,530	81	2,295
Maryland.....	2,363	57	2,412
Michigan.....	11,964	290	2,424
Minnesota.....	10,163	245	2,411
Mississippi.....	5,545	118	2,128
Missouri.....	6,768	163	2,408
Nebraska.....	9,016	226	2,507
New York.....	4,400	111	2,523
North Carolina...	12,595	258	2,048
Ohio.....	26,842	623	2,321
Oregon.....	2,304	61	2,648
Pennsylvania....	23,778	590	2,481
South Carolina..	4,206	98	2,330
South Dakota....	2,247	57	2,537
Texas.....	18,685	430	2,301
Utah.....	3,644	88	2,415
Virginia.....	2,853	60	2,103
Washington.....	6,726	157	2,334
Wisconsin.....	4,946	119	2,406
Other States ¹	19,827	437	2,204
United States	335,497	7,797	2,324

¹ Includes data for states not listed in this table.

Hatchery Production - United States

Item	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg Type			
Eggs in incubators: September 1	38,956	36,797	94
Chicks hatched during August.....	41,431	41,357	100
Chicks hatched Jan through Aug	324,817	317,989	98
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	318	234	74
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,974	3,110	105
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators September 1	599,241	596,031	99
Chicks hatched during August.....	758,980	758,292	100
Chicks hatched Jan through Aug	6,159,933	6,023,898	98
Pullets hatched during August for intended placements			
in hatchery supply flocks.....	7,233	7,046	97
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	64,388	61,556	96

¹ 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched February 2011 through January 2012.

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2011 through January 2012.

Milk Production

Florida: Florida dairy farms produced 173 million pounds of milk during August 2012, four percent above the previous August. Production per cow in August averaged 1,410 pounds, up one percent from August 2011. Total milk cows at 123,000, was up three percent from August 2011.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during August 2012 totaled 15.3 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2011. July revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 0.7 percent from July 2011. The revision represented a decrease of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow averaged 1,803 pounds for August, 10 pounds below August 2011. Milk cows totaled 8.50 million head, 32,000 head, more than August 2011.

Milk Cows, Production – Florida, United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
August 2011.....	119	1,400	167
July 2012	123	1,520	187
August 2012.....	123	1,410	173
23 Major States			
August 2011.....	8,463	1,813	15,342
July 2012	8,499	1,823	15,496
August 2012.....	8,495	1,803	15,313
United States			
August 2011.....	9,200	1,785	16,422
July 2012	9,226	1,797	16,576
August 2012.....	9,220	1,776	16,377

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2011	2012	2001	2012	2001	2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March.....	9,168	9,254	5,286	5,513	48,459	51,017
April-June.....	9,191	9,257	5,489	5,562	50,448	51,484
July-Sept.....	9,200		5,292		48,684	
Oct.-Dec.....	9,216		5,279		48,654	
Annual Total.....	9,194		21,345		196,245	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Hogs and Pigs

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up three percent from June 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up three percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory Number, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop - United States

Item	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
September 1 Inventory ¹			
All hogs and pigs	67,234	67,472	
Kept for breeding	5,806	5,788	
Market	61,428	61,684	
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,761	19,653	
50 – 119 pounds	17,884	17,675	
120 - 179 pounds	12,822	12,899	
180 pounds and over	10,961	11,457	
Sows farrowing			
December-February ^{2 3}	2,843	2,864	2,821
March-May	2,917	2,919	
December-May ^{1 2}	5,760	5,783	
June-August	2,927	2,892	
September-November ⁴	2,929	2,850	
June-November ^{1 5}	5,857	5,742	
Pig crop			
December-February ²	27,866	28,550	
March-May	29,252	29,441	
December-May ^{1 2}	57,118	57,990	
June-August	29,355	29,286	
September-November.....	29,365		
June-November ¹	58,720		

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

³ Intentions for 2013.

⁴ Intentions for 2012.

⁵ Actual farrowings for June-August 2012 plus intentions for September-November.

Livestock Slaughter

Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for August 2012 was 10.1 million pounds, down three percent from the 10.4 billion pounds produced in August 2011.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in August 2012, up two percent from 4.30 billion pounds produced in August 2011.

Beef and Veal Production at 2.37 billion pounds was one percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from August 2011. The average liveweight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,600 head, down 9 percent from August 2011. The average liveweight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up 4 percent from August 2011. The average liveweight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,500 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 10 pounds from August a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to-date 2012
FLORIDA					
Calf:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	(D)	0.1	0.1	(D)	0.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	(D)	29	27	(D)	86
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	11.6	6.6	6.1	61.1	45.0
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,195	752	803	7,763	6,010
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 heads	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.5	1.8
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	23	21	20	92	120
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.4	9.5	10.1	76.4	74.9
UNITED STATES					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	3,097.1	2,792.0	2,996.3	22,815.5	22,126.6
Total liveweight million pounds	3,921	3,610	3,888	28,917	28,576
Average liveweight pounds	1,270	1,295	1,300	1,272	1,294
Beef production million pounds	2,386.9	2,200.8	2,367.5	17,489.9	17,325.5
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	80.1	67.5	72.6	559.9	499.0
Total liveweight million pounds	19	16	17	145	134
Average liveweight pounds	248	241	237	268	268
Veal production million pounds	11.4	9.5	10.1	86.6	79.0
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,530.0	8,566.1	9,942.2	71,281.0	73,271.4
Total liveweight million pounds	2,530	2,299	2,672	19,520	20,160
Average liveweight pounds	266	269	269	274	275
Pork production million pounds	1,892.1	1,721.8	1,997.8	14,618.3	15,096.03
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	198.7	178.6	200.5	1,445.0	1,430.0
Total liveweight million pounds	26	25	28	143	154
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	13.1	12.5	14.2	100.1	104.2
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,303.4	3,944.5	4,389.6	32,295.0	32,605.0

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.